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White House Confirms Russia Developing "Anti-satellite Capability"

- The White House has confirmed that Russia is developing a capability to target satellites in space and called Moscow's pursuit of this particular capability "troubling."
- White House National Security Communications Advisor John Kirby said the US is closely monitoring this Russian activity and will continue to take it seriously amid reports of Moscow reportedly developing a space-based nuclear weapon designed to disable or destroy satellites.
- According to the intelligence presented to Congress, the US military "cannot counter such a weapon and defend its satellites," according to a report in the New York Times.



Taiwan Increased Defence Spending By 24.2 Pc In 2023

- Taiwan's defence spending jumped by 24.2 per cent in 2023 compared to the year prior, according to an annual global military report by the London-based think tank International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) released on.
- IISS' Military Balance report also found that Chinese defence spending increased by 5.4 percent to USD 219.5 billion in 2023, representing a 29th straight year of growth, according to Nikkei Asia. Meanwhile, Meia Nouwens, a senior fellow for Chinese security and defence policy at IISS.
- The IISS report found that global defence spending in 2023 reached **USD 2.2 trillion, a 9 percent increase** from the previous year. The IISS said the main reasons for the increase were the ongoing Russian war in Ukraine and the increasingly strained relationship between the US and China.



US Conducts 'Self-defence' Strikes Against Houthi Targets In Yemen

- The United States on Wednesday thwarted Houthi strikes against vessels in the Red Sea as it struck seven mobile anti-ship cruise missiles (ASCM) in "self-defence" in the Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen, United States Central Command (CENTCOM) said.
- The US CENTROM forces successfully conducted attacks against Houthi infrastructure and equipment between 1pm to 7.30 pm (Sanaa time).

- In the attack, the US military forces targeted seven mobile anti-ship cruise missiles, three mobile UAV and one explosive unmanned surface vessel (USV) in Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen.
- The Iranian-backed Houthi rebels have been targeting these ships in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden since November as Israel carried out a ground offensive against the Hamas terror group in the Gaza Strip.



Army Chief Manoj Pande Holds Strategic Talks With US Chief Of Staff

- Chief of Army Staff, General Manoj Pande, embarked on an official visit to the United States, where he engaged in discussions aimed at strengthening bilateral relations and fostering global peace and security efforts.
- The Army Chief commenced his visit by reviewing the US Army Guard of Honour. He then participated in a solemn ceremony, paying respects by laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arlington National Cemetery.
- This visit is another milestone in the Indo-US defence relationship, reflecting a mutual desire to enhance military collaboration, exchange strategic perspectives on global threat perceptions, and work together toward future force development and modernisation.



India To Build Naval Bases In Agatti & Minicoy Islands

- After PM Narendra Modi's visit to Lakshadweep, India has decided to firmly extend its naval footprint by establishing naval bases in Agatti and Minicoy Islands along with air bases in order to secure the vital sea lands of communication.
- The Lakshadweep and Minicoy Islands sits on the **9-degree channel** through which billions of dollars worth of commercial trade passes through while enroute to South-East Asia and North Asia. Minicoy Islands is a mere 524 kilometers from Maldives.
- India will be making a major maritime security statement when Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on board INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant carrier task forces which includes nearly 15 warships will travel to Minicoy Islands with naval brass to inaugurate a naval base INS Jatayu on March 4-5.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Where was the Underwater Harbour Defence and Surveillance System inaugurated?

- A. Goa
- B. Mumbai
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Andaman and Nicobar

ANSWER: D

2. In which locations has India decided to establish naval bases?

- A. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- B. Lakshadweep Islands
- C. Maldives Islands
- D. Sri Lanka Islands

ANSWER: B

3. INS Vikramaditya, in service with the Indian Navy, was originally built for which country?

- A. Russia
- B. United States
- C. United Kingdom
- D. France

ANSWER: A

4. Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses Is Located At

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Wellington
- D. Noida

ANSWER: A

5. 76th Infantry Day Will Be Celebrated On

- A. 26 October
- B. 27 October
- C. 29 October
- D. 30 October

ANSWER: B

6. India's Shared Vision Of 'SAGAR' Stands For

- A. Security and Grown of All in Region
- B. Security and Growth of All in Rim
- C. Security and Growth of All in Region
- D. None

ANSWER: C

7. Motto of NSG Is

- A. शं नो वरुणः
- B. नभः स्पृशं दीप्तम्
- C. सर्वत्र सर्वोत्तम सुरक्षा
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

8. In Which Operation NSG Didn't Take Part?

- A. Operation Talwar
- B. Black Thunder
- C. Ashwamedh
- D. Vajra Shakti

ANSWER: A

9. SAG & SRG Stands For

- A.** Special Act Group & Special Ranger Group
- B.** Special Action Group & Special Roger Group
- C.** Special Action Game & Special Ranger Group
- D.** Special Action Group & Special Ranger Group

ANSWER: D

10. The Highest Rank Structure In NSG Is

- A. Director General
- B. Inspector General

- C. Deputy Inspector General
- D. Group Commander

ANSWER: A

11. INS Tarangini Is A

- A. Helicopter
- B. Sailing Ship
- C. UAV
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

12. FGM-148 Javelin Is Made By

- A. Boeing
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Raytheon
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

13. Ex PRABAL DOSTYK Conducted B/W India And

- A. France
- B. China
- C. Kazakhstan
- D. Kyrgyzstan

ANSWER: C

14. Q.M.HAV Stands For

- A. Quarter Havildar
- B. Quartermaster Havildar
- C. Quartermaster Hawadar
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: B

15. Santiago Is The Capital Of

- A. Oman
- B. Colombia
- C. UAE
- D. Chile

ANSWER: D

16. "Vahana Masterclass" Book Is Written By

- A. Alfredo Covelli
- B. Sitaram Yechuri
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. R. Kaushik

ANSWER: A

17. "Balidanam Vir Lakshanam" Is The Motto Of

- A. JKLI
- B. THE MAHAR REGIMENT
- C. THE BIHAR REGIMENT
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

18. Prithvi III Is A

- A. Air to Air Missile
- B. Surface to Air Missile
- C. Surface to Surface Missile
- D. Air to Sea Missile

ANSWER: C

19. Shishumar Is a

- A. Air to Air missile
- B. Sniper Rifle
- C. Anti-tank Guided missile
- D. Submarine

ANSWER: D

20. Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL) Centre Is Located In

- A. Hyderabad, Telangana
- B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- D. Tezpur, Assam

ANSWER: A